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FOR NEA DUBS AND AID/AA ASIA SULLIVAN

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TAGS: OVIP (THAPA, BEKH BAHADUR)

SUBJ: VISIT OF GON FINANCE MINISTER BEKH THAPA TO WASHINGTON  
FOR WORLD BANK/IMF MEETINGS

REF: KATHMANDU 3391

1. DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER BEKH THAPA, HE MENTIONED THAT HE PLANNED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR ANNUAL WORLD BANK MEETINGS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR IN LATE SEPTEMBER. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT WITH NUMEROUS FINANCE MINISTERS IN TOW APPOINTMENT SCHEDULES OF U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD BE CROWDED, BUT HE WISHED TO GET HIS BID IN EARLY FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION. HE FELT IT IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH SUCH CONTACTS. I AGREED AND TOLD HIM I WOULD PASS HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

2. THAPA IS NEPAL'S RANKING ECONOMIST AND PLANNER IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FIELD AND IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO SEVERAL GENERATIONS  
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OF US OFFICIALS AND PLANNERS WHO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH NEPAL. GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN OUR AID PROGRAM ALREADY PROJECTED FOR NEPAL IN FY 78 AND PROSPECTS FOR EVEN MORE US ATTENTION AS WE STEP UP OUR DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR LDC LIKE NEPAL AS WELL AS GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE WHICH NEPAL TAKES ON NORTH-

SOUTH ISSUES, WE URGE THAT APPOINTMENT WITH AID  
ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN BE ARRANGED, AS WELL AS  
WITH UNDERSECRETARY COOPER,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL LAISE, AND TOM THORNTON IN NSC.  
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